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Dear Sir:

I have carefully read the information that has been presented regarding the audit of my CE credit hours and that has led your office to take action against my license to practice chiropractic in Idaho. This has caused me to reflect upon the circumstances that ultimately led to the CE hour requirement not being fulfilled and the renewal document that was signed by me in May, 2006. I have briefly presented some of those circumstances in an earlier letter and I presume that you are not interested in further explanation of that information. I will move on to address the issue of the signed renewal document. Additionally, I will write briefly about my character, show the measures that I have taken in this matter, and make respectful requests regarding the consent order and public record.

I was not intentionally deceitful in signing the renewal certificate, yet I also understand that I did sign it and I believe that is the issue. Until the matter was brought to my attention last month, I had no thought that I made a false certification regarding the completion of my hours. My only thought was that there was a deficiency in my requirement and that I needed to fulfill my obligation to complete CE hours. I have heard it said, "Ignorance is not an excuse in dealing with the law." I signed the document in a routine manner with no regard to what it stated, as we all may do from time to time. I didn't know exactly what I signed when I signed the renewal slip; however, a reasonable person expects a declaration to be present. And, I did know that there was a 12 hour CE requirement. Therefore, what I feel is at stake is not only my opportunity to practice, but my personal reputation and my honor; which I take very seriously. I strive to be honest in my dealings with my fellow men everyday. I made an honest mistake in not reading what I signed, especially a document of such significance. I can understand it if your perception is that I was trying to get away with something and that I need to be made an example of. That is not the case.

Leading up to the signing of my declaration and due to the heavy load of hands on construction of a clinic in addition to practice and other reasons earlier discussed, I put off the completion of my CE hours to the point that when I was not able to complete my intended course, there was no room left over for error. With only days left, I was ultimately unable to make corrections in time to remain compliant with the rules of practice. Additionally, in desperation, I naively thought that I could make up the unintentionally missed hours and that I would still be compliant. I did not realize the magnitude of the situation. I have since, thoroughly acquainted myself with the Idaho statutes for chiropractic.

I do not personally know any of the members of the chiropractic board, if I did; I think that it would be apparent in how I conduct my affairs and life on a daily basis that I exhibit good character. I am confident that any chiropractor who knows me, and further, any on my staff will attest to my good character. It is extremely alarming and surreal to me that I find myself in this predicament. It weighs heavily upon me that I may have ruined my reputation because I waited until the last minute to get my CE hours, didn't get them,

and then signed a document stating that I met a requirement when I did not; unintentionally making a false statement.

It is my desire to remedy this situation. The following measures have been initiated by me to show the board that I understand the seriousness of the matter and to demonstrate my desire and commitment to comply with the rules of practice in Idaho:

- ❖ I have made up the 12 hours of CE credit in which I was deficient for 2006.
- ❖ I have downloaded and thoroughly read all rules and laws pertaining to the practice of chiropractic in Idaho.
- ❖ I have registered not only for the 12 hours that I am required to complete in 2007, but have added an additional 18 hours for a total of 30 hours of CE credit. Under normal circumstances, and without such a heavy load, I would have taken a similar amount in 2006.
- ❖ I have made the determination to allow myself more room for error in choosing a CE course in the future. If unforeseen circumstances should again present themselves, and I find myself unable to complete an intended course, I will have time to make a correction before the approaching deadline passes.
- ❖ I have resolved to be more conscientious in reading what I sign, especially documents pertaining to my license to practice chiropractic.

I love practicing as a chiropractor and feel that I have done a lot of good in the short time that I have had the opportunity to practice. I would appreciate the board in allowing me to continue to provide for my family and to continue helping my patients as a chiropractor in Idaho. I would appreciate it very much if the board would consider not publishing this action as a public record on its website. What is particularly gut wrenching to me in this matter, is that a Stipulation and Consent Order is a one sided document. The public and my colleagues, were they to read the Consent Order, would probably assume poor character, which is not the case. If the consent order must be displayed, please allow this letter as an attachment.

Please find the signed Stipulation and Consent Order together with this letter. Also, please consider the above request to have this letter attached to the consent order if it is to be published. I appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Crane', with a stylized, flowing script.

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